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## FOREST SERVICE TIMBER PROGRAM DOLLAR RETURNS RELEASED

PORTLAND, March 13--Deputy Regional Forester John Lowe today released the results of the Forest Service's timber management accounting system for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1991. A combined harvest of just under 3.2 billion board feet from timber sales on the 19 National Forests in Oregon and Washington brought a net return of \$248 million. The net return reflects the total \$684.4 million in revenue less costs and payments of \$180.1 million to local governments for their roads and schools.

"The timber management programs on the National Forests in this Region have shown a good return on the volume harvested," said Lowe. "The 1991 volume harvested was only 60% of the 5.2 billion board feet harvested in fiscal year 1989, the peak harvest year, yet our revenues were over 70% of our fiscal year 1989 revenues of \$968 million."

The accounting system--known as Timber Sale Program Information Reporting System (TSPIRS)--was developed in response to Congressional direction. This is the third year that these reports have been completed on all 122 National Forests in the United States. Congress directed the development of TSPIRS to respond to concerns about the efficiency of Forest Service timber sales where costs were believed to exceed the benefits.

Attached is the fiscal year 1991 timber harvest fact sheet for the Pacific Northwest Region. Individual National Forest TSPIRS reports are available from each of the 19 National Forests.

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**FACT SHEET**  
**TIMBER HARVEST IN THE FOREST SERVICE'S PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION**

**FISCAL YEAR 1991**

The Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service, which covers the states of Oregon and Washington, harvested 3.166 billion board feet of timber during the period from October 1, 1990, to September 30, 1991 (fiscal year 1991). The fiscal year 1991 harvest of 3.2 billion board feet showed a significant decrease from the fiscal year 1989 harvest of 5.2 billion board feet.

Fiscal year 1991 was the third year for this timber accounting system that provides a view of both the financial and economic effects of an annual timber harvest. This accounting system is known as the "Timber Sale Program Information Reporting System." Based on a summation of the data developed by the Region's 19 National Forests, the Pacific Northwest Region generated the following:

A net return of \$248.3 million from revenues of \$684.4 million,

Revenue-sharing payments of \$180.1 million to local governments for road and school programs (counted as an expense),

An estimated 44,570 jobs and \$2,617 million in consumer income in surrounding communities (based on Forest Planning assumptions), and

An estimated present net value of \$553.0 million (the sum of current and the estimated future benefits and costs that are expected from both the timber and nontimber resources on the acres harvested in fiscal year 1991 adjusted to present value at an annual rate of 4 percent).

Congress directed the development of the Timber Sale Program Information Reporting System to respond to concerns about the efficiency of timber sales. The system was developed in association with the Congress's General Accounting Office and was tested on all 122 National Forests in the United States for the fiscal years 1987 and 1988 timber programs. This year's report for fiscal year 1991 will provide Congress, the Forest Service, and the public, with a tool to assess the financial and economic status of a National Forest's timber sale program.

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## NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP WEEK TO BEGIN

PORTLAND, April 27, National Forest employees are working with a variety of interested individuals, recreation groups, and federal and state agencies in partnerships organized to clean up local rivers in Oregon and Washington during National River Cleanup Week, May 2 - 10, 1992.

Sponsored and endorsed by the Take Pride in America program, this national event is designed to help build an ethic for keeping our waterways free of trash and pollution. Agency participation is in support of local volunteer efforts and is an opportunity to cooperate in promotion of community awareness to protect rivers and streams.

"Our efforts in working jointly with community volunteers during National River Cleanup Week will help to educate our publics about the importance of our nation's rivers," said Pacific Northwest Regional Forester John Butruille. "Active involvement in cleanup projects can foster an overall support for protection and management of rivers," said Butruille.

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## **NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP WEEK--continued**

"One of the main benefits of this campaign is increased community awareness of rivers, and their unique resources," said Jackie Deidrich, Wild and Scenic River Program Manager for the USDA Forest Service.

Many National Forest employees orchestrate river cleanup projects throughout the year in on-going efforts to promote protection of our rivers and streams. During National River Cleanup Week, the Forest Service in the Northwest is participating with other organizers to cleanup up approximately 1500 miles of Oregon and Washington rivers.

Take Pride in America is a broad-based partnership of millions of volunteers, including all 50 states, 14 federal agencies and the private sector. The focus of the program is on grassroots, volunteer activities by individuals, organizations and communities with an intent to educate and motivate Americans to preserve and enhance the Nation's natural, cultural and historic public resources.

For more information about Take Pride in America and National River Cleanup Week, please contact David Brown at 615-524-4814. For more specific information about national forest cleanup projects please contact Jackie Deidrich or Sandy Berger at (503) 326-5139.

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## CELEBRATING WILDFLOWERS - WILDFLOWER WEEK

PORTLAND, May 11, Showcasing Washington and Oregon native plants is the intent behind a new program. Sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, Wildflower Week runs from May 18-24, 1992.

Featured in this celebration of native flora is Forest Service personnel working with local partners to promote educational programs and events. A few community events include guided walks, presentations, displays and interpretive opportunities.

"Local organizers hope to booster public support and appreciation for these natural resources," said Dean Longrie, Botanist for the USDA Forest Service. "Working with wildflower week includes promoting conservation management of native plants and their habitats, including threatened and endangered and sensitive plants," said Longrie.

Recent cooperators with the agency include Bureau of Land Management, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Oregon Department of Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy, Washington and Oregon native plant societies, garden clubs, landscape architects, citizens groups, private individuals and others.

If you would like to be involved in wildflower week activities, please contact a national forest in your area for more specific information.

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## **LOWE NAMED NEW REGIONAL FORESTER**

PORTLAND, April 30 -- John E. Lowe will become regional forester, Pacific Northwest Region, in July, according to F. Dale Robertson, Chief, Forest Service. Lowe succeeds John Butruille who will retire in July, after serving the past three years as regional forester. Lowe moves up to his new post from his current position of deputy regional forester which he has held since September 1987.

"After spending 12 of his last 16 years in jobs throughout the Pacific Northwest Region, John Lowe is very familiar with the people, the land, and the issues of the Pacific Northwest," said Robertson. "His demonstrated leadership and commitment to multiple use forest management make him particularly well suited for dealing with the issues facing the region. "

Lowe has a Master of Science Degree in Forest Management from the University of Missouri, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry at Louisiana State University.

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## JOHN LOWE

Prior to becoming deputy regional forester, he was deputy director of timber management for the Forest Service's national office. Other assignments include forest supervisor, Umatilla National Forest, and deputy forest supervisor, Willamette National Forest, both in Oregon; resource coordinator, White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire; and center director, Golconda Job Corps Center, Shawnee National Forest in Illinois.

Lowe is a member of the Society of American Foresters. He and his wife, Deltha, have 2 daughters, Alicia Lowe Nicholson of Vancouver and Gina Calhoon of Beaverton and one granddaughter.

Lowe succeeds John F. Butruille, who retires as regional forester July 4 after 34 years with the Forest Service.

"John Butruille has been an outstanding leader at a time when public interest in the National Forests of the Pacific Northwest has been at an all-time high," said Robertson. "He is greatly respected for his willingness to hear all sides of some very contentious issues, including spotted owls, old-growth forests, timber supply, forest planning and fisheries.

Butruille came to Region 6 as the Regional Forester in August 1989 from the Washington office, where he was national director of recreation. He also held assignments as district ranger in Colorado and Wyoming, as forest supervisor in Alaska, and various staff assignments in Washington, DC, and Oregon.

A native of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, Butruille graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in forest management. He has been active in the Society of American Foresters throughout his career. He and his wife Susan plan to remain in the Portland area.

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## FOREST SERVICE CELEBRATES NATIONAL FISHING WEEK

PORTLAND, May 28--"Family Fishing Fun" is the theme for this year's National Fishing Week June 1-7. In celebration of National Fishing Week, the Pacific Northwest Region of the USDA-Forest Service will offer free camping to coincide with free fishing days provided by the States of Oregon and Washington.

The Forest Service will offer free camping June 5 and 6 in most National Forest fee campgrounds. Oregon will offer free fishing June 6 and Washington will offer free fishing June 6 and 7.

In addition to free fishing and camping, approximately 50 fishing derbies will be held in both states. The derbies are designed to provide an opportunity for children to fish and have fun and provide a setting for family outdoor recreation activity. Most derbies will include fishing instruction, contests, games, prizes, and "fish" hats. The fishing derbies are sponsored by the Forest Service, the States of Oregon and Washington, conservation organizations, and local community groups and businesses.

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# Take some friends Fishing and Camping for free.



## National Fishing Week

### Free Fishing:

Anglers do not need a fishing license on June 6, 1992 in Oregon, and June 6 & 7, 1992 in Washington. Consult your state fishing regulation pamphlets for details.

### Free Camping:

In celebration of National Fishing Week, the Forest Service will offer free camping June 5 & 6, 1992 in many campgrounds in Oregon and Washington.

For information on special National Fishing Week events, contact:







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## FOREST SERVICE TO PROTECT SALMON HABITAT

PORTLAND, June 15--The USDA Forest Service is responding to Federal listing of chinook and sockeye salmon with measures to protect habitat for the fish on national forests. As required by the Endangered Species Act, the Forest Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are reviewing all new and ongoing projects on National Forest System lands in the Snake River basin to determine if they may affect the listed species.

Ten national forests in three Forest Service regions manage spawning habitat for the chinook salmon in the Snake River drainages of the upper Columbia Basin. The Sawtooth National Forest, in central Idaho, has the last remaining habitat for Snake River sockeye. Snake River spring and summer chinook salmon and Snake River fall chinook salmon were listed as threatened species on May 22, 1992. Snake River sockeye were listed as endangered species in December 1991.

Forest managers on the 10 affected national forests are beginning to screen the projects, according to Gordon Haugen, Forest Service fisheries coordinator for the Columbia River basin. "This will be a large-scale, time-consuming effort," Haugen said. "Its purpose is to identify activities that might affect the listed salmon and the severity and likelihood of those effects."

Haugen said national forest activities which would impact recovery of the listed species may have to be modified or halted. This may affect recreation activities such as boating and some riparian area





(streamside) use, permitted uses of the national forests such as livestock grazing and mineral development, and other uses such as timber harvest.

Local Forest Service officials will keep national forest users and visitors informed on further developments necessary to protect the salmon, Haugen said.

Affected are the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests in Oregon; the Clearwater, Nez Perce, Challis, Salmon, Sawtooth, Boise and Payette National Forests in Idaho; and the Bitterroot National Forest in Montana.

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## COUNTIES TO SHARE IN NATIONAL FOREST RECEIPTS

PORTLAND, June 15--An estimated \$176 million will be shared by 31 counties in Oregon and 27 counties in Washington as their portion of the 1992 National Forest System receipts.

The Oregon amount totals \$140,044,903.29 and the Washington amount totals \$36,352,050.31, according to Pacific Northwest Regional Forester John Butruille. Revenues are collected from land-use fees and sale of resources from 24.5 million acres of national forests and grasslands. States are required by federal law to use their share of the receipts for public schools and roads.

In order to mitigate the effect of the Northern spotted owl's "threatened" listing, special provision Section 316 was added to the Interior & Related Agencies 1992 Appropriations Act. This provision allows the Forest Service to pay the counties affected by the listing at least 90 percent of the three-year average payments of fiscal years 1986-90.

"Providing advance estimates of the state payments helps local budget planners complete their work," Butruille said. The final payments will be based on actual receipts collected and may vary from the estimates announced today.

Interim payments representing 75 percent of the estimated total state shares of national forest receipts will be made in September. The balance will be paid in December, when final figures on the revenue collected during fiscal year 1992 are available.





# Estimated 1992 Payments from National Forest Receipts

## OREGON:

Baker	1,110,448.62
Benton	376,784.16
Clackamas	5,538,842.56
Coos	608,044.16
Crook	5,193,100.33
Curry	4,250,654.49
Deschutes	3,637,925.77
Douglas	16,895,780.57
Grant	13,091,893.07
Harney	5,662,635.82
Hood River	2,303,689.50
Jackson	4,817,494.06
Jefferson	654,572.11
Josephine	2,322,934.14
Klamath	13,083,623.92
Lake	6,173,538.16
Lane	26,709,044.67
Lincoln	3,965,404.94
Linn	9,040,894.71
Malheur	9,440.21
Marion	3,369,288.93
Morrow	480,934.35
Multnomah	825,398.25
Polk	7,346.25
Tillamook	2,130,805.68
Umatilla	1,284,547.99
Union	887,594.48
Wallowa	1,058,724.75
Wasco	2,287,834.78
Wheeler	1,676,595.65
Yamhill	589,086.21

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## WASHINGTON:

Asotin	180,543.78
Chelan	2,062,037.67
Clallam	1,784,140.62
Clark	11,343.03
Columbia	535,285.08
Cowlitz	313,471.37
Douglas	2.86
Ferry	856,142.00
Garfield	320,389.10
Grays Harbor	513,497.23
Jefferson	2,404,567.24
King	2,117,415.52
Kittitas	853,386.12
Klickitat	133,146.03
Lewis	4,030,774.60
Mason	565,957.82
Okanogan	1,756,250.00
Pend Oreille	967,174.20
Pierce	757,197.33
Skagit	986,962.68
Skamania	8,094,395.93
Snohomish	1,905,670.55
Stevens	398,472.02
Thurston	3,754.99
Walla Walla	8,165.20
Whatcom	1,594,392.97
Yakima	3,197,514.37

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